

Application No. 10/618,656
Reply to Office Action of May 10, 2005

has not provided sufficient reasons and/or a single example to support this assertion. The Office has merely stated the conclusion. As such, the Office has failed to meet the burden necessary in order to sustain the Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement should be withdrawn

Further, MPEP in subsection 803 states:

“If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.”

Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office. Accordingly, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is requested.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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